

PRAYER PROFILE: FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CALEDONIA – A Valley Neighborhood Congregation

Did you know:

According to historical records, on November 15, 1802 a group of farmers and settlers living around the promising valley of the nearby Genesee River “gathered at the house of Peter Campbell in order to incorporate and establish themselves into a religious society conformable to an act of the Legislature of the State of New York ...” The group unanimously voted that the title of the society should be the “Caledonia Presbyterian Religious Society.” The congregation was officially organized as the First Presbyterian Church of Caledonia on March 5, 1805. For many years the congregation met at Peter Campbell’s House for Sunday worship services; then in 1827 a small stone church was built at the present site. In 1854, that small structure was severely damaged by fire and subsequently replaced with the white frame structure that still stands firmly today.



Throughout its celebrated history, the First Presbyterian Church of Caledonia has survived occasional difficult times, including a theological split in the early 1800’s, but has become firmly established as a dependable source of spiritual resilience and renewal for the community it serves. Current regional ministries involve leadership and participation in the Caledonia-Munford Council of Churches which supports a variety of community-oriented events, including ecumenical women’s breakfasts, retreats, Christmas plays, and musical concerts that attract enthusiastic crowds. More recently, the congregation experienced a two-year long search for a senior pastor, which has led to the February 2020 installation of the Rev. Vinod Gnanaraj.



The Sunday worship service of April 26, 2020 took place as a Zoom meeting and represented another demonstration of faith and resilience in difficult times. The service started at exactly 10:30 a.m. and included all the components of traditional Presbyterian worship, including music, call to worship, prayers, hymns, readings of the Word (by different distance-participants) and an inspiring sermon delivered by Rev. Vinod, and based upon the message of Luke 24:13-35.

Prayers: “Go with hope that overcome your fears. Go with the promise of new life. Go with faith in God that anchors you in a sea of doubts. Go with the peace of the Risen Christ and the blessings of the Holy Spirit now and forever.”

—Charge and benediction to the congregation of Caledonia First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, April 26, 2020



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Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.